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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 10-13, 15 and 17-20 as follows:

301> 1. (Twice Amended) In a method for preparing a vaccine comprising an immunogenic construct and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, the improvement comprising producing the immunogenic construct by a process comprising the steps of:

(a) activating [at least one first carbohydrate-containing moiety] a viral, fungal or bacterial polysaccharide with an organic cyanating reagent selected from the group consisting of 1-cyano-4-(dimethylamino)-pyridinium tetrafluoroborate, N-cyanotriethyl-ammonium tetrafluoroborate, and p-nitrophenylcyanate, to form an activated carbohydrate; and

(b) coupling said activated carbohydrate directly or indirectly to a [second moiety] protein to form the immunogenic construct capable of stimulating an immune response.

34. (Amended) A method according to claim 3, wherein said [first and second moieties] polysaccharide and said protein are soluble in water.

In claim 7, lines 2-3, change "first moiety" to --polysaccharide--; and
line 4, change "second moiety" to --protein--.